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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.266. **Dated 09.05.2023.**
Read with:-

G.O.Ms.No.35, Panchayat Raj& Rural Development (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.09-05-2023.

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI N. MEHER PRASAD, THE THEN SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (RETD.), RWS&SS CIRCLE, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

CHARGE :-

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